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SUBJECT: NATIONAL RECRUITMENT SERVICES MEETING IN LOME,
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1. U.S. PARTICIPANT AT SUBJECT MEETING REPORTS THAT, IN
GENERAL, ATTENDANCE WAS OF MARGINAL UTILITY, AND MAKES
FOLLOWING POINTS WHICH ADDRESSEES MIGHT FIND INTERESTING:

A. DISCUSSIONS REVOLVED AROUND SAME OLD PROBLEMS WITH SAME
LACK OF SOLUTIONS.

B. OSTENSIBLY, ONE OF REASONS MEETING WAS HELD IN TOGO
WAS TO PERMIT MORE PARTICIPATION FROM LDC COUNTRIES,
PARTICULARLY AFRICAN COUNTRIES. SURPRISINGLY ONLY 28
COUNTRIES IN TOTO WERE REPRESENTED AND, OF THESE, ONLY 6
WERE AFRICAN.

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C. MANY DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT IN LIGHT SHARP

CURTAILMENT OF RECRUITMENT ACTIVITY ARISING FROM LACK OF
UNDP FUNDING MEETING WAS HELD AT ALL.

D. ASG GHERAB, SENIOR SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL AT MEETING, WAS
CONSPICUOUS BY HIS ABSENCE, ATTENDING ONLY OPENING AND

CLOSING SESSIONS AND THE UN-SPONSORED RECEPTION.

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E. CHARLES COOPER, TARS GENEVA, WAS OF INVALUABLE
ASSISTANCE TO U.S. PARTICIPANT, FOR WHICH WE ARE
GRATEFUL.

F. QUOTE LARGE UNQUOTE SOVIET DELEGATION CONSISTED
OF THREE DELEGATES -- ONE EACH FROM USSR, BYELORUSSIAN
SSR, AND UKRAINIAN SSR.

2. COMMENT - DEPARTMENT HAS SERIOUS DOUBTS ABOUT
ATTENDING FUTURE MEETINGS. ATTENDANCE THIS TIME
STEMMED FROM STRONG RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN USUN'S
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